

"A Funeral Song for Egypt"  
Ezekiel 30

Note: The lament is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ sections.

vv. 1-5 ~ the \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 6-9 ~ \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 10-12 ~ \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 13-19 ~ Destruction of idolatrous \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt

vv. 20-26 ~ Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_

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vv. 1-2 Q. What did the Lord say to Ezekiel?

A.

1. Wail; make a long, loud, cry of \_\_\_\_\_ (publicly) (cp. Lk. 8:52)
2. Declaring a \_\_\_\_\_ (that) as the reason for such action.

v. 3 Q. What "day" is God talking about?

A.

Note: Cp. 13:6 ~ The day of the Lord, in context, can be three things. First, as in this context, it speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ judgment (near) to fall on a particular group of people. Second, it can refer eschatologically to the \_\_\_\_\_ judgment of the Lord upon humanity right before his Second Coming (visitation) and exaltation. Third, it can have \_\_\_\_\_ an impending and a futuristic representation/symbolism – as we shall see in the next verses. (Cp. Joel, Amos, and Zechariah)

Q. How is this "day" described"?

A.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (impending)
2. A day of \_\_\_\_\_ (storm)
3. A time of \_\_\_\_\_ for the nations.

Note: This can also be translated as "a time for the \_\_\_\_\_." [Heb. - "Goïim"]

vv. 4-5 Q. Who will be involved alongside Egypt?

A.

1. Cush (ancient \_\_\_\_\_)
2. Lybia (ancient \_\_\_\_\_)
3. Lydia (province of \_\_\_\_\_)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (called Lydia in some trans.; unknown)
5. All of \_\_\_\_\_
6. People from \_\_\_\_\_ (the north was in exile)

Note: These were probably included because they were \_\_\_\_\_ (mercenaries) of Egypt. The \_\_\_\_\_ attached to the \_\_\_\_\_ for protection.

vv. 6-7 Q. What does the Lord say to these nations?

A.

1. They will \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Their strength will \_\_\_\_\_.
3. From the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ they will be killed.
4. Their lands will be \_\_\_\_\_ (empty)

5. Their cities will be in \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 8 Q. What is connected to the Recognition Formula?

A. Total \_\_\_\_\_ of Egypt and the countries that support her.

v. 9 Q. What added "fear factor" does God send in this judgment?

A. God will be using some sort of \_\_\_\_\_ attack by the Babylonians (probably hired \_\_\_\_\_ coming up from the Nile River) to shake up Egypt's neighbor (Cush/Ethiopia).

v. 10 Q. What agent will God use for this destruction on Egypt?

A.

v. 11 Q. How are he and his army described?

A.

1. The most \_\_\_\_\_ of nations.

2. They will \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt.

v. 12 Q. What does God say he will do?

A.

1. God will dry up the \_\_\_\_\_. (The main god of worship)

2. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the land to an evil nation.

3. God will sovereignly direct \_\_\_\_\_ to devastate the land and everything in it.

God now describes the judgment of Egypt using key locations.

v. 13 Q. What does the Lord say? (vv. 13-19)

A.

1. God is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the idols and images found in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ will be killed. (prince)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ will characterize the land.
- v. 14 4. God will destroy \_\_\_\_\_.
5. God will fire to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He will inflict punishment on \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. 15 7. He will pour out His wrath on \_\_\_\_\_, the stronghold of Egypt.
8. He will cut off the hordes of \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. 16 9. God will set fire to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ will writhe in agony.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ will be taken by storm.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ will be in constant distress.
- v. 17 13. The young men of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ [Tel – Basta in the north] will fall by the sword and the cities will go into captivity.
- v. 18 14. Dark will be the days of \_\_\_\_\_ when God breaks the yoke of Egypt; her proud strength will come to an end. She will be covered with clouds (cp. v. 3) and her villages will go into captivity.
- v. 19 [\_\_\_\_\_] So...I will inflict punishment upon Egypt and they know that I am the LORD.

Note: These are not just random cities, but much like the symbolism of the \_\_\_\_\_ representing the Egyptian gods, so these cities.

Heliopolis – \_\_\_\_\_, the sun god

Thebes – \_\_\_\_\_, Montu (god of war), Mut (Amun's wife)

Memphis – \_\_\_\_\_, god of craftsmen and architects

Pelusium – \_\_\_\_\_, god of protection and healing ; also Anubis,  
Osiris, and Isis

Tahpanhes – \_\_\_\_\_, goddess of war and hunting (adorned with a  
crown, bow, and arrows. (likened to Aphrodite in Greek)

Bubastis – \_\_\_\_\_, feline goddess, originally a lioness but later a cat  
(central place of mummified cats); Memphis also had a cult of this  
worship.

Upper Egypt – \_\_\_\_\_, creator deity of the Nile; said to have  
Created humanity from Nile clay and placed them in women's  
wombs.



v. 20 Q. What are the details and why are they given?

A.1

<sup>20</sup> "In the \_\_\_\_\_ year, in the \_\_\_\_\_ month on the \_\_\_\_\_ day, the word of the LORD came to me:" (Ezek. 30:20 NIV)[Sabbath]

A.2

v. 21 Q. What does the LORD say about Pharoah?

A.

1. The LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ Pharoah's arm (sg.); He has weakened him.
2. It has not been \_\_\_\_\_ to heal.
3. It has not been \_\_\_\_\_ to fight (same word as "swaddled").

Note: This broken arm (sg.) is the \_\_\_\_\_ defeat of Pharoah Necho by Nebuchadnezzar at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_. Jeremiah describes this in Jeremiah 46:1-2.

Note: Pharoah's neglect of \_\_\_\_\_ is noted in Jeremiah 46:7.

Note: Pharoah's loss of \_\_\_\_\_ is noted in 2 Kings 24:7.

v. 22 Q. What does the Lord now say about Pharoah?

A.

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ Pharoah Hophra.
2. He is going to break \_\_\_\_\_ arms.
3. He won't be able to \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Pharoah Hophra was \_\_\_\_\_ by his own people/rival general. Cp. Jer. 44:30.

vv. 23-26 Q. What will God do? Note the chiastic structure.

A.

v. 23            a.    I will \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ the Egyptians to the other nations.

v. 24            b.    I will \_\_\_\_\_ the arm of the King of Babylon while \_\_\_\_\_ the arm of Pharoah.

v.25            b.    I will \_\_\_\_\_ the arm of the King of Babylon while \_\_\_\_\_ the arm of Pharoah. [Recognition formula]

v. 26            a.    I will \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ the Egyptians to the other nations. [Recognition formula]

### **Application Questions:**

Q.    How does this challenge the thought of God's grace and mercy being extended indefinitely?

A.

Q.    What does this quote mean, "There is not a single international item of news that the Lord is not involved in." Or...Abraham Kuyper famously stated, "There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'"

A.

Q. Looking at the modern-day state of Egypt, what does it teach us about God and His Word?

A.